



JANUARY 8, 2003
6-8 P.M.

DRAFT CAG MINUTES

FACILITATOR:

Mark Burton

CAG MEMBERS PRESENT:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance St. Johns
Larry Talbert HiNoon

Business:

Steve Gunther Progressive Products and Services

Environment:

Rhett Lawrence OSPRIG
Dorothy Shoemaker Sierra Club

Recreation:

Bud Hartman Bass and Panfish Club
Travis Williams Willamette Riverkeeper
Tom McInnis Waterfront Organizations of Oregon

Public Health:

Joe Keating Oregon Center for Environmental Health
Georgia Richmond Citizen

At-Large:

Xander Patterson East Multnomah SWCD
Jim Robison Citizen

Other Participants:

Jim Anderson	DEQ	Chip Humphrey	EPA Region 10
Fred Berman	CROET	Libby McCulley	WRK
(b) (6)	Citizen	Joan Rothlein	CROET
Kim Cox	City of Portland BES	Sue Safford	Citizen
Scott Fogarty	WRK	Barbara Smith	LWG
Sara Gardner	DEQ	Judy Smith	EPA Region 10
Amanda Guay	DHS	Chris White	Port of Portland

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION: Approve minutes as written. (RP,JK)

Minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:

The next CAG meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2003. The meeting will be in the ground floor conference room of 800 NE Oregon St.

There were no announcements.

INTRODUCTION:

Mandy Guay introduced herself as the new Oregon Department of Human Services Community Outreach Educator. She will be contacting CAG members to talk about outreach to members of the community, etc.

Jim Robison and Dorothy Shoemaker arrive.

TIMELINE PRESENTATION

Judy Smith and Chip Humphrey discussed both the milestones to date in the process as well as the timeline over the next four years.

Round 1 of the field sampling is complete and both sediment and tissue samples have been taken and are being analyzed. In many instances, sediment samples were taken from the same location as the fish. Species sampled include brown bullhead, black crappie, benthos, carp, crayfish, large scale sucker, northern pikeminnow, peamouth, smallmouth bass, sculpin, and juvenile Chinook.

Chris White arrives.

Chip pointed out that the timeline is not yet a compliance schedule, but more of a guideline for the next few years. The details are still being worked out. The graphic of the timeline will be available from Libby.

The process is currently in the remedial investigation stage. A revised workplan will be issued by the LWG in Spring of 2003 and more sampling will be included. Chip suggested a workshop to present information in the next versions of the sampling plan and work plan.

Scott Fogarty arrives.

The goal for a draft baseline risk assessment is Spring 2004, however, it is still unclear if this is a reasonable target date. The goal of the risk assessment is to understand risk to benthos, fish and wildlife, and human health.

The EPA hopes to have a Draft Feasibility Study report from the LWG by Fall of 2005 which will look at alternatives for clean up options.

In the Spring of 2006 there will be a formal public comment period and a Record of Decision in the Fall of 2006.

Bud asked about when current contamination is going to stop. Some of this work is already being done and DEQ is currently working on identifying upland sites for source control to prevent further contamination to the site.

There was a discussion about early action sites and they might be started on. This is part of the plan but is still in the development stages to understand potential contamination from surrounding and upriver sources. DEQ said they are trying to avoid having an “island of clean in a river of dirty.” Larry asked about workload – 3 team members. Portland Harbor is about 80% of Chip’s time. Partners include USFWS and NOAA, DEQ, DHS, and others. Travis asked about reasonable cleanup projections once the ROD has been signed. After the ROD comes negotiations with other PRPs outside of the LWG who have not signed the administrative order. These negotiations could take up to a year and require a consent decree and the involvement of the Department of Justice. There was a question about when the group should expect comments on the work plan from the EPA. Chip said they will be out in about a week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Evaluation Committee – Dorothy Shoemaker

The Evaluation Committee is looking at the LWG’s response to the CAG comments. Jim asked about permits for pollutants in PH. Dorothy is looking to put together a report about what some of the pollutants are and what their implications are for human health. CROET has information available.

Education and Outreach Committee – Joe Keating

The press conference has been moved to the first week of February. The committee is working toward a simple format to let people in the community know about the CAG and also about comments on the work plan. They are considering the possibility of trying to have the event on the boat. Tuesday the 4th at 10 a.m. is the tentative date.

Dorothy, Georgia, and Joe are looking at putting together a website. This will be a tool for communication to the community.

The committee is also working on developing a questionnaire for the PRPs to find out information about their operations and why they aren’t in the LWG.

As many people from the CAG should try to participate in the press conference as possible. There was a comment that a boat may have some logistical problems but Joe is envisioning a stationary boat. Travis suggested that the City of Portland’s Lab may be a possibility. People should send location ideas to the E&O committee.

Administrative Committee – Steve Gunther

The Admin Committee did not have anything to report but will look at bylaws and membership and report at the next meeting.

OTHER ISSUES:

Robin asked if anyone had contacted EJAG regarding their resignations. Travis tried to contact Billy but he did not get a call back. Georgia will try to contact Billy as well.

Kim Cox has offered to give a presentation on what the City is doing with regard to the Superfund cleanup. It was agreed that she will give this presentation at the next meeting.

Chris White announced that on Thursday, January 23, 6-8 p.m., is a community forum with Bill Wyatt, Executive Director of the Port of Portland. The forum is at the Kennedy School.

Judy offered to give presentations to other organizations as well.

Scott asked about the potential for mitigation to offset responsibility/costs. That will be part of the discussion. The cost allocation will come later on in the cleanup. The issue of Natural Resource Damages will also come up later in the process.

Barbara clarified that she thinks the CAG does not necessarily want PRPs to sign up with the LWG rather they want them to sign the Administrative Order.

(b) (6) asked about fish advisory information and how the advisories might change. If necessary, fish advisories will change as part of the risk assessment. This will happen well before ROD.

ODFW may be doing some Sturgeon sampling but it was unclear whether this was going to happen. Mandy will check with Dave Stone to find out.

Xander asked about the attendance policy and the possibility of having alternates. The Admin Committee should address this issue. Cathy Crawford was excused from this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:55 pm